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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Dominican Republic Situation Report
(As of 7:30 pm EST)

1. At least two of the four military leaders named to new posts this afternoon by President Garcia Godoy had earlier indicated that they would not serve in the new posts. The other two may feel bound to go along with their decision.
2. In general, these candidates appear to be competent men who could work effectively with US officials.
3. Garcia Godoy's proposed Minister of Defense, current naval chief Ramon Emilio Jimenez, is considered by the US Embassy as "without question the most intelligent and broadly educated of the present service chiefs" and the Embassy praises his moderation. Garcia Godoy believes Jimenez to be much more reasonable and competent than the other service chiefs, a judgment dating from the period when the two men served together in the Dominican Embassy in London. Garcia Godoy's personal friendship for Jimenez and the president's confidence in him could improve Garcia Godoy's relationship with the regular military.
4. Jimenez formerly served as navy chief of staff under Antonio Imbert's Government of National Reconstruction. For a Dominican officer, Jimenez seems to have relatively moderate political views. He has said the armed forces should stay out of politics unless a real emergency--such as a Communist threat--develops.

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5. The newly-designated navy chief, Captain Francisco Antonio Amiama Castillo, was the first choice of the outgoing service chiefs for the Minister of Defense slot in any government formed in the aftermath of the April 1965 revolution. Amiama is considered to be an intelligent, capable, and ambitious officer. There is no firm information available on his political outlook although he appears to have remained with the regular armed forces during the revolution.

6. Garcia Godoy's choice for new army chief of staff, Col. Enrique Perez y Perez, has had the favor of the outgoing army chief. The chiefs of staff in Imbert's government made him their second choice for Minister of Defense in any government that might have emerged from the revolution. The US military attachés have commented that they think highly of Perez y Perez and they note that he proved an effective leader during the cleanup of rebels in northern Santo Domingo during the revolution.

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